

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2008  
MEADOWEDGE, WEST SAYVILLE, N.Y.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Vice Chairman, Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Ray Corwin	Member at Large
John Fritz	Chairman, Trustee, Town of Babylon
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
Todd Stebbins	Member of the Board
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

**ABSENT**

Gregory Dawson	Trustee, Town of Islip
Gary Olsen	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven

**PARKS DEPARTMENT**

John W. Pavacic	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Tom Hroncich	Director Parks Foundation
Terry Maccarrone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Karen Nicholson	Superintendent of Parks
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

**GUESTS**

Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department
Janet Longo	Deputy Director, Real Property Acquisitions and Management
Shawn Cullinane	Incorporated Village of Lindenhurst
Roger Podd	County Attorney's Office
Thomas Ryan	Office of Legislator Vilorio-Fisher

Chairman Fritz called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

There were members of the public present; however they did not wish to address the Board.

**Presentation re: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SOUTH BAY STREET PROPERTY-  
Incorporated Village of Lindenhurst**

Shawn Cullinane, representing the Incorporated Village of Lindenhurst presented an overview of the South Bay Street Property proposed acquisition. The long-range plan for the property is to develop it strictly for passive recreation use. This property sits between two properties the Village of Lindenhurst already owns. Combining all three properties will create approximately 478' of beachfront on the Great South Bay. The Village is presently working on the erosion problem and working with Assemblyman Bob Sweeney to get some funding for this project. In western Suffolk County there are few opportunities to do something which may enhance the quality of life for those who live along the Great South Bay. While it's not the largest piece of property, it will greatly enhance the Village's acquisition of the property immediately to the east and give the Village a reason to do something with that property as well. This piece of property, plus the existing Village park, will allow the Village to expand the public's access to Great South Bay.

Trustee Schilling reported that the Presiding Officer is in favor of this acquisition going forward.

Trustee Corwin asked if the County were to reimburse the Village for those parcels, would the Village be able to enter into a management agreement and a maintenance agreement with Parks and, more significantly on a legal basis, make the entire complex of Village properties in this area open (without legal restrictions to parking and access) for all Suffolk County residents?

Shawn Cullinane replied "yes".

Trustee Corwin asked if the Village would be willing to file some sort of covenant or easement with the County Clerk stating that.

Shawn Cullinane replied "yes".

Trustee McKay said he is disturbed that the County is being asked to fulfill a promise made by a single Legislator and expressed his surprise that the Presiding Officer has supported this. He said there is no indication of how any of the other Legislators feel about this or how the County Executive feels about this. It already has been vetoed once and, had this followed the normal procedure, it's not the kind of property the Trustees would approve. It seems very unreasonable that we are being asked to support the promise of a Legislator that is no longer in office.

Shawn Cullinane respectfully asks for the Trustees support of this proposal and invited them to view the parcel.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

On page 2, paragraph 2 - correct "This property was acquired" to read "This property is proposed to be acquired".

**A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee McKay. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.**

**PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE**

Lauretta Fischer proposed the following acquisitions. A colored site map was distributed describing the Warner Property.

#### Peconic River County Park – Warner Property

The acquisition of 13.55 acres in Riverhead, Town of Riverhead. This will be acquired under the Old Suffolk Drinking Water Protection Program (C12-5(E)(1)(b)).

**A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Cardillo and seconded by Trustee Stebbins. Trustee Corwin abstained. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1.**

#### Jacoby Property Conservation Easement – Town of Southold

The acquisition of a conservation easement on 8.66 acres of property in Laurel, Town of Southold. This conservation easement will be acquired under the Suffolk County Multifaceted Land Preservation Program, Open Space Preservation and was originally brought before the Trustees at the January 17, 2008 meeting. What has changed is the garden area has been omitted out of the conservation area and time requirements for mowing are now included. A list of “prohibited acts” was distributed to the Trustees.

**A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Hilary and seconded by Trustee White. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.**

#### South Bay Street Property - Incorporated Village of Lindenhurst

The acquisition of 0.22 acres in the Incorporated Village of Lindenhurst and was originally presented to the Trustees at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**A motion not to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Trustee Borden.**

Trustee Hilary suggested a site visit prior to the vote and suggested we table this motion.

**A motion to table this acquisition until next month was made by Trustee Hilary and seconded by Trustee Schilling. This motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.**

The Trustees will view this property prior to the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. They are scheduled to meet at the north end of the recreational area parking lot of Shore Road Park at 11:00 AM. Deputy Commissioner Bellone will provide directions to the site.

### **COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

#### Establish a Joint Committee with East Hampton

Commissioner Pavacic reported Parks had recently established a joint committee with the Town of East Hampton. Parks will meet with them on a regular basis and develop agreements for jointly owned parcels that the County and the Town have acquired over the past several years. The first meeting was held a few weeks ago and went very well.

Parks is also exploring a similar venue with the Town of Southold.

#### Scully Estate

Commissioner Pavacic reported the agreement with the Seatuck Environmental Association has been fully executed.

#### Parks Personnel

The Commissioner said nine people retired from Parks the end of last month. Karen Nicholson has taken on the position of Superintendent of Parks and we are happy to have her on board in that capacity.

### Parks Foundation

Tom Hroncich reported the Foundation has two new board members: Bill Akin from Montauk and Donna Vaughan who is the program director for WALK radio.

Mr. Hroncich also reported Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner met with the County Attorney's office to talk about broadening the agreement. The County Attorney agreed to expand the term of the agreement from a one year agreement to basically a 20 year agreement (a 10 year agreement with two 5 year options). We will be putting in a resolution to the Legislature to authorize that.

The Parks Foundation is going to undertake a training seminar and invite board members of various organizations to attend to review what it means to be a board member, what roles and responsibilities a board member should have and what it means to have a 501(c)(3) status.

### Smith Point

The Commissioner reported that next year (or the following year) will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Smith Point County Park. Parks is currently in the process of doing an update of the Master Plan. There have been internal meetings with DPW to plan out future improvements and enhancements. We've also had meetings with Legislator Browning and Legislator Eddington to look at the Smith Point proper as well as the marina.

Terry Maccarrone reported several internal meetings have taken place regarding the Smith Point Master Plan. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner will review the findings before we come out with a final draft.

### Fishing Pier

Terry Maccarrone reported 3 bids were received. There is a low bidder and the Commissioner of DPW need to review this bid.

### Cupsogue Boardwalk

Terry Maccarrone reported that conceptual plans were sent to DPW. Mr. Tedd Godek (DPW) said the conceptual plans were very good.

### GATR Site

Terry Maccarrone reported we had to go into a redesign on the maintenance building because the initial responses came in too high. The tentative time table is that final drawings will be ready by mid September; it would then go out to bid in mid October with responses coming in around November 18<sup>th</sup>. We can go into Contracts in mid December and the contract could be finalized by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. We would hope construction could start by April 1<sup>st</sup> and be completed by December 1<sup>st</sup> of 2009.

### Piping Plover Reports

Nick Gibbons distributed Piping Plover Protection Programs reports to the Trustees.

### Westhampton Dunes Property

The house has been demolished and the platform remains.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **Parks Trustees**

Chairman Fritz reported that the Town of Southampton has appointed a new Trustee, Edward W. Walters, Jr.

Chairman Fritz read a thank you letter addressed to the Board from Bill Sickles.

## **ROUND TABLE**

Deputy Commissioner announced the Seafood Festival will take place this weekend and the Bradstock Festival will be the following weekend.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Hilary. Unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.**